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## *Faculty debates Third World issues*

The questions of CIA recruitment on campus and an official name for the Third World course requirement spurred debate at Monday's faculty meeting.

During student remarks, Mahika Dutt '83 raised the issue of CIA recruitment on campus. She asked if the CIA's presence at Mount Holyoke was consistent with the College's stand on diversity and human dignity. She suggested that the Committee on Social Responsibility (CSR) consider the issue. Some faculty, also questioning the morality of recruitment on this campus, agreed with her suggestion. Other faculty members suggested that the CSR was formed specifically to advise the Trustees about the College's investments. An alternative was discussed: to form a group which would advise Career Services about recruitment policy.

Charlotte Shea, Director of Career Services, clarified the office's policy which allows students the freedom to choose or to protest recruiters.

CSR will consider discussing the issue of recruitment in light of the College's professed principles.

In a second issue pertaining to the Third World, faculty members disputed the report of the Academic Policy Committee (APC) concerning what has unofficially been called the Third World Course requirement. Two concerns were voiced by the faculty: the official use of the name "Third World Course Requirement" and the literacy of the language used to explain that requirement. Indira Peterson, an Asian studies professor, demonstrated the ambiguity of the word "Third World" by asking if the term was racial and ethnic or cultural and economic. Members of the APC were among faculty who opposed a motion to refer the report back to the APC for revision. The motion did not carry; discussion of the requirement will continue at the next faculty meeting, scheduled for December 6.

Other reports were received with less debate. President Elizabeth T. Kennan reported that \$10-million has been pledged or given to the capital campaign. A \$250,000 "triple challenge grant" from the Mellon and Hewitt Foundations contributed greatly to the campaign. The grant will create a development fund for the curriculum and faculty of the college.

The proposed sports complex will be the major

issue concerning the Trustees who will be on campus Nov. 8-10. The proposal "takes on a seriousness for the Board of Trustees," Kennan said, because of its importance to the Committee on Resources and Priorities.

The proposal for new facilities has been before the Board for three years in various stages. The Committee on Buildings and Grounds will decide tomorrow and Saturday whether to recommend that the facilities should be built.

The Trustees will discuss the building of a complex which would take place in two phases. Phase one includes construction of a field house with a shell alongside for track and squash courts, rearrangement of outdoor space, and the renovation of Kendall. The second phase would be building two tanks for swimming and diving. This phase also includes renovating the current swimming area for dance studios.

Susan Staggers, Director of Admissions, presented the admissions report. She discussed the problems of recruiting high school students. "We know how good we are, but there's a problem: the outside world doesn't always know how good we are," she declared. This year minority recruitment has been the highest of the past five years for black students and second highest for Hispanic students. "The numbers are not only steady but rising," she reported. In the current student body, over ten percent of the students are American minorities and over ten percent are international students. The admissions office is looking for ways to meet the "downward population spiral" of applicants, she concluded.

Eugenia Herbert, Associate Professor of History, announced the Forum on Racism which will be held February 11-16. The program includes a festival of diversity, a keynote speech (possibly by Shirley Chisholm), and open classes.

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# CIA recruiters greeted with campus protests

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Central Intelligence Agency recruiting at Mount Holyoke became a major topic of discussion on campus as students, faculty and administrators took up the debate last week. Concerned students planned a film, discussion meeting and sit-in, and the faculty discussed the issue further at their Monday meeting.

Last Wednesday evening students held a meeting in North Rockefeller living room to discuss the arrival of a CIA representative at Mount Holyoke on Friday. Posters advertising the meeting asked, "Should the CIA be on campus?" In its first year of recruiting at Mount Holyoke, the CIA's presence on campus "prompted the discussion," but was not the sole issue. The interest centered more on creating an awareness of the CIA's interventionist policy and its infringements on the rights of citizens in both the United States and abroad. Furthermore, those present asked whether or not the CIA's visit raised a "moral dilemma;" did it violate the code of Mount Holyoke College as stated in the College Bulletin?

Between 30 and 40 persons attended the debate; a sizeable proportion of those were Third World students, some of whom cited CIA

intervention in their own countries. Many said they believed that the organization violated the democratic principles of both Mount Holyoke College and the United States, and should be banned from the campus. Not only international students held this opinion. Many of those in attendance asserted that the CIA behaves in an "imperialist fashion."

Others disagreed and replied that barring the CIA from Mount Holyoke would itself be an oppressive act. "They have the right to tell students about themselves," one student said. Allowing the CIA to visit campus and interview students is part of the democratic principles of the college, and not a violation of them, some argued.

This statement is very close to the position taken by Career Services. Karen Latka, associate director of Career Services, stated that the College should not be dubbed "pro-CIA." "Mount Holyoke does not necessarily sanction their (CIA) activities," she said.

On Friday, students translated their protests into action with a sit-in outside Career Services to further protest the CIA's arrival at the college. Those participating in the sit-in did not express one particular reason for their anger towards the CIA. Several students said the organization promoted "anti-American policy," but was not against Americans. One student declared she was "idealistic" and said that Mount Holyoke College is not the place for the CIA. She said she believes that the CIA has a major role in America's "delusion of omnipotence," and that women here should not take part in it.

Those present at the sit-in showed a bit of disappointment at the relatively small number of students who participated; one remarked that she was "angered by the fact that so many women are

completely ignorant of the whole affair." Despite the advertising by the Progressive Student Alliance, many students remained unaware of the demonstration planned for that afternoon. Another added that it was indeed a "bizarre situation" that so few knew about the sit-in.

On the afternoon of the sit-in, Latka said the Career Services office, "respects the rights of students to protest." She added, "I think it's great to see they're interested." Latka noted that her office had been notified of the situation in advance. As of 8 p.m., no previously registered students had missed the CIA informational meeting, according to Career Services.

Powerful student feelings about the CIA issue led one woman to propose that Wednesday's discussion was "part of a process of creating a movement, a starting point."

Students carried the CIA controversy directly to faculty members at their Monday meeting. Mallika Dutt '83, read a selection from the College Bulletin regarding Mount Holyoke's commitment to human dignity and diversity; she then contrasted the ideals expressed in this passage with known CIA activities in Third World countries.

Dutt urged that the issue be considered by the Committee on Social Responsibility. After a faculty member requested an explanation of the CSR's responsibility on this issue, College President Elizabeth T. Kennan suggested that, although it may not be explicitly stated in the CSR's mandate, the committee could decide for itself whether the issue should be discussed further.

Charlotte Shea, director of Career Services, then told the as-

sembled faculty members that students should have an "open and free selection of employment possibilities," and that individual students should "read much further" on potential employers to form the basis for "intelligent questions and reach intelligent decisions."

Penny Gill then suggested the creation of a group to give advice on recruiters visiting campus.

Considering Mount Holyoke's professed principles, Lee Bowie said, "I do not believe we are or should be morally neutral." The college should decide which "moral grounds are appropriate," he said.

Paul Doboosh later challenged any "simple equations" which may have suggested the CIA operates at the same level as terrorist organizations and suggested that perhaps a large number of Mount Holyoke students could be employed by the CIA in an effort to change the nature of that organization.